be pleased to state with reference to resolution No. 8 of Meeting No. 2 of 1108 of the Cochin Road Board held on 29th Makaram 1108, whether—

(a) any steps are being taken to open the road in question in 1109;

(b) if so, what are the steps taken, and if not taken, why;

(c) what is the distance between Marathangode and Pazhanji through Kunnamkulam—the present route;

(d) what will be the distance if a direct road is constructed;

(e) are not both the villages centres of arecanut trade;

(f) have not the people of Marathangode to go over to Pazhanji for the registration of documents?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The portion of the road between Chowanur to Porkulam is being opened by the Panchayat Department. The portion between Porkulam and Pazhanji will be taken up when funds permit.

(b) Please see answer to sub-division (a).

(c) About 8 miles.

(d) Nearly 4½ miles.

(e) Yes.

(f) Yes.

Chalakkudi—Pariyaram road through Archanam Padom.

645. Mr. A. I. Rani.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the house.—

(a) whether the new Chalakkudi-Pariyaram road through Archanam Padam has been completed;

(b) if not, what is the reason for the delay in taking up the second section of this road;

(c) was there not a cut motion in this matter during the last budget session and was there not a solemn promise by the Government that this work, being important, will be provided for this year itself from the tender reductions or savings;

(d) what is the amount of tender reduction this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The first section has been completed.

(b) The work has no provision in the current year's budget.

(c) Yes; the work will be taken up this year if tender deductions permit. The matter is engaging attention.

(d) The amount of tender deduction available for transfer could be arrived at only when the small works taken up are nearing completion.

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